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IMPROVING BIASING AND REDUCING DAMAGE FROM
ELECTROSTATIC DISCHARGE IN SELF-PINNED ABUTTED JUNCTION
HEADS HAVING A SELF-PINNED BIAS LAYER EXTENDING BEYOND
THE FREE LAYER

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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 9, 2005, reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks below.

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

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